

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING CHILD MORTALITY WORLDWIDE

WHO IS AFFECTED?



5.3 million children under the age of five died in 2018.

45.5 % died during their first month of life as a result of premature birth, low weight, infections, asphyxiation or birth trauma.



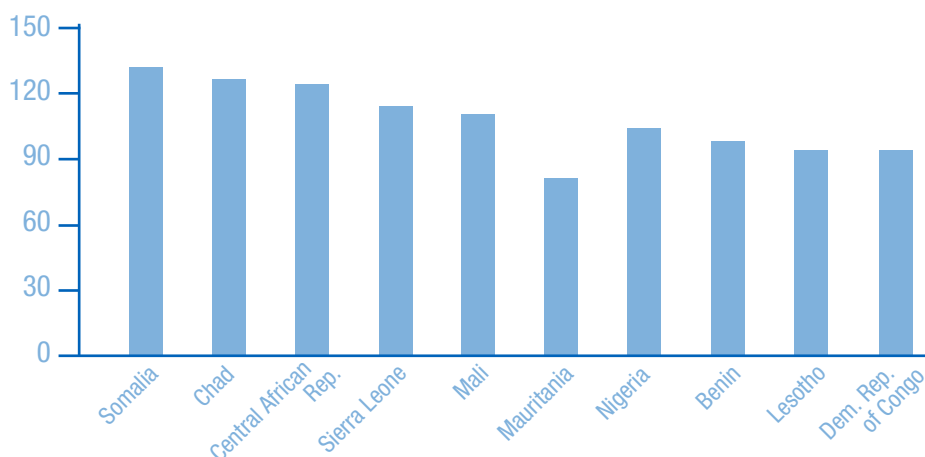
HOW IS IT DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE WORLD?



52.5 % is concentrated in **Africa**, **42.7 %** in **Asia**, **3.3 %** in **Latin America** and the **Caribbean**, **1.3 %** in **North America** and **Europe** and **0.2 %** in **Oceania**.

The 10 countries with the highest child mortality

are all in Africa, where for every 1,000 children under five born alive the following numbers die (— in thousands —):



MAIN CAUSES

Lack of access to clean water and sanitation, malnutrition, low availability of vaccines and lack of good quality health care, leading to problems in childbirth and the spread of diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV.

HOW CAN WE END IT?



We must invest more resources to improve **primary health systems** —such as vaccines and antibiotics—, increase **breastfeeding and the supply of clean water and nutrition**. In addition, **universal basic education must be promoted**.

Source: 2019 Report (Unicef, World Health Organization, European Bank, United Nations) and UN (2017).